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In Re the Application of

James Mullin et al.

Serial No.: 09/853,427

Filed: May 10, 2001

For: "EARLY DIAGNOSIS OF CANCEROUS AND PRECANCEROUS CONDITIONS BY LEAKAGE OF SIGNATURE PEPTIDES AND CARBOHYDRATES INTO THE BLOODSTREAM"

) Examiner: Ungar, Susan NMN

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- [] No Additional Fee is required. [X] A check is enclosed in the amount of \$ 980.00

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the above-identified patent application,
without prejudice, as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 and 2.

Please amend claim 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) A method of diagnosing a precancerous
condition of esophageal mucosa in a patient comprising the steps
of:

a) administering to said patient an appropriate amount
of at least one signature carbohydrate, said patient not having
ulcerative disease of the gastrointestinal (GI) tract nor bleeding
therefrom;

b) collecting urine voided by said patient during a
suitable time period after the administration of said at least
one signature carbohydrate;

c) measuring levels of said at least one signature

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